

SOLOMON ON SOCIAL MEDIA

week 1: theology of technology | what is social media | is social media important | what does proverbs say about communication | schedule | memory verses | resources

MEMORY VERSE REVIEW: 1 JOHN 3:1

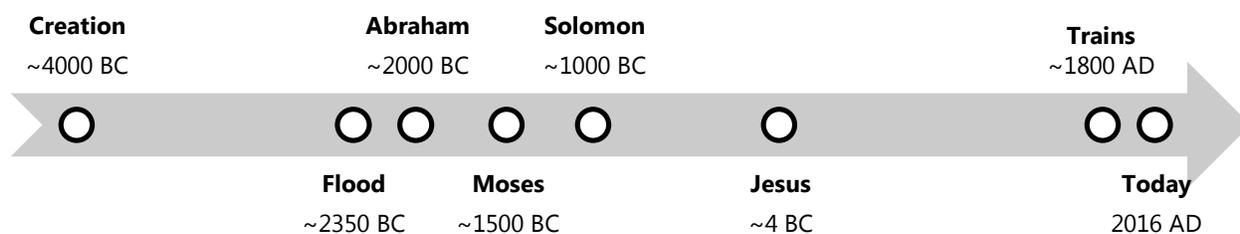
Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

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THEOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY

Tim Challies (from *Life and Faith after the Digital Explosion*): Can you think of anything—anything at all—that travels faster than a horse? . . . For thousands and thousands of years, there was nothing faster than a horse. . . . Until the train—the iron horse. . . . Horses stand as a really good illustration of how quickly the world has changed.



Genesis 1:28: Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Tim Challies: That giant command went to two people who were alone and naked in a garden. . . . The only way they were ever going to carry out God’s command was to invent things. . . . They could only be faithful to God if they created new technologies. . . . God means for us to create new things so we can carry out His will for us.

Tim Challies: Every new technology brings us a new opportunity to carry out God's will. . . . Every technology brings a risk. . . . God calls you to use technology for **His purposes and **His** glory.**

Matthew 28:19-20: 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Tim Challies: God's people could only carry out God's commission if they took advantage of technology. God told them to take the Gospel to the entire earth. Which means they had to find ways of getting to the entire earth. They had to find ways of getting this message to the entire earth. . . . Whenever a great new technology has come along, Christians have taken advantage. . . . Roman roads . . . Printing press . . . Radio . . . TV . . . tablet . . . mobile phone.

Tim Challies: You need to learn how to do the very best thing with these new technologies. You need to learn to use what already exists. . . . As Christians, we should be looking and saying, "How can I carry out God's purposes? What can I invent that will help me do the work God has called me to do?"

Tim Challies [on the Great Commission]: Go (Roman roads) . . . preach (printing press) . . . teach and train (radio, TV, tablet, mobile phone). . . . Embrace and accept this challenge.

Tim Challies: Technology is a good gift of God, but it is a technology that exists on this side of Genesis 3. . . . Technology did not escape the Fall. . . . In technologies, we can honor God or we can dishonor God. . . . Technology always brings us opportunity—but it also brings us risk. . . . Gutenberg's press printed Bibles and it printed papal indulgences.

Side note: technology is not moral—the road isn't moral, the printing press isn't moral, the iPhone isn't moral. Technology is amoral. What we do with it is what is either moral or immoral.

Tim Challies: God calls us to use technologies to carry out His will. He also calls us to be wise. . . . Our sinful, human hearts will want to use **good gifts in **bad** ways. . . . We need to be very careful in examining our technologies to understand how we may want to use them for evil. And we need to examine our hearts . . . to see why I might want to use this for evil. . . . Our work is far too important to get distracted. . . . Do you see your phone as a gift of God to carry out His will? . . . We have an urgent task before us. . . . God has been so good to allow us to be involved. . . . Will you join Him in this work? How will you join Him in this work?**

When God chose the medium to communicate to us, He chose the written word. He chose to speak and to record it. This should make us think about how important communication is.

We can join God in the work He is doing. We can join Him in His communication of the good news to the entire earth. We can join Him in this work with our communications—and specifically with our social media. But we need to know how to do this in a way that honors Him.

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WHAT IS SOCIAL MEDIA?

Social media are platforms for **sharing** information in **virtual** settings. Wheel + Hitler

Wikipedia: Social media are computer-mediated tools that allow people or companies to create, share, or exchange information, career interests, ideas, and pictures/videos in virtual communities and networks.

IS SOCIAL MEDIA IMPORTANT?

Social media is important because it is ubiquitous (it is everywhere).

Platform	Basis	Monthly Active Users* (millions)	Daily Time Spent** (minutes)	Interesting Facts**
Facebook	feed	1,590	42	47% of all world-wide internet users are on Facebook
Tumblr	blogs	555	34	61% of 13-19 year-olds consider Tumblr their favorite social media platform
Instagram	pictures/videos	400	21	90% of all Instagram users are under 35 and over 80 million pictures are uploaded daily
Twitter	microblogs	320	17	Twitter posts are limited to 140 characters.
Snapchat	pictures	200	17	81% of users are between 13 and 24; 4 billion daily video views and 400 million daily snaps
Pinterest	pictures	100	21	85% of Pinterest users are female
LinkedIn	business	100	10	LinkedIn had 35 billion pageviews in Q2 2015

*Leading social networks worldwide as of April 2016, ranked by number of active users (via statista.com)

** 100+ Fascinating #SocialMedia Facts & Stats (via DigitalInformationWorld.com)

Note: there are other social media platforms, some more popular than these, but they are non-English based and/or not as 'social' (i.e., YouTube, WhatsApp, etc.).

A few observations I'm looking for you to make because social media is ubiquitous: we can (1) hide our heads in the sand, (2) use these tools poorly, or (3) use them to the glory of God.

Barnabas Piper (15 Proverbs for Social Media Users): One of the miraculous aspects to scripture is how something written on papyrus in the middle east 3,000 years ago applies to you on your iPhone in middle America today.

WHAT DOES PROVERBS SAY ABOUT COMMUNICATION?

A lot. The list below is not meant to imply that other passages of Scripture are not applicable. It is merely intended to limit the breadth of our discussion/study to **Proverbs**.

Proverbs 3:13	Proverbs 14:15	Proverbs 18:2	Proverbs 26:17
Proverbs 5:3	Proverbs 14:16	Proverbs 18:13	Proverbs 26:20
Proverbs 5:4	Proverbs 14:23	Proverbs 18:19	Proverbs 26:27
Proverbs 9:8	Proverbs 14:29	Proverbs 19:11	Proverbs 27:2
Proverbs 10:4	Proverbs 15:1	Proverbs 20:3	Proverbs 27:14
Proverbs 10:19	Proverbs 15:2	Proverbs 21:23	Proverbs 28:10
Proverbs 11:2	Proverbs 15:23	Proverbs 22:24	Proverbs 28:26
Proverbs 11:9	Proverbs 15:28	Proverbs 23:9	Proverbs 29:9
Proverbs 11:12	Proverbs 16:2	Proverbs 23:16	Proverbs 29:11
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Proverbs 13:20	Proverbs 17:27	Proverbs 26:5	
Proverbs 14:7	Proverbs 17:28	Proverbs 26:8	

J. I. Packer (on wisdom literature): Psalms teach us how to worship; Proverbs, how to behave; Job, how to suffer; Song of Solomon, how to love; and Ecclesiastes, how to live.

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But a harsh word [comment/reply] stirs up anger.**
- 2 The tongue [thumbs] of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.**

SCHEDULE

Week 1: Introduction

- Introduce the theology of technology
- Define social media, the importance of social media, and provide examples
- Look at the volume of proverbs that speak about communication and the relevance of the Bible in the space of communication
- Provide an overview of this series

Week 2: What are we to **do**?

- Proverbial commands to do something (the positive)

Week 3: What tools/resources exist?

- Practical & tactical technologies/aids/resources/helps for ourselves and our families

Week 4: What are we **not** to do?

- Proverbial commands to not do something (the negative)

Week 5: Where do we go from here?

- Summary, discussion on observations/learnings, and what is next

RESOURCES

Tim Challies: [Solomon on Social Media](#) (via challies.com)

Tim Challies: [7 Rules for Online Engagement](#) (via challies.com)

Tim Challies: [Life and Faith after the Digital Explosion](#) (via ligonier.org)

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week 2: review | hebrew poetry | the goal of proverbs | taxonomies | filters, speed, volume, and 'good' | memory verses | resources

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Last week we saw social media is ubiquitous—and even if you don't use social media, these principles apply to all of communication.

We left off last week talking about two things:

- Solomon is still **speaking** to us today. **Ian McConnell: The Bible is not just a book that was written; it's a voice that is speaking.** Today. Here. Right now Solomon is still speaking.
- Filters. What filters should we be wearing when we communicate? Jim's filters last week.

WEEK 2 INTRODUCTION

HEBREW POETRY

Proverbs is Hebrew poetry. A proverb is a sentence of ethical wisdom. Proverbs expose and distill life experience. Proverbs teach, provoke thought, and force reflection because they do not always make sense at first.

Two big concepts to know about Hebrew poetry:

1. **Parallelism**. One common literary technique in Hebrew poetry is parallelism—the relationship between the meaning of two lines of poetry. There are many types of Hebrew parallelism, but the two main types are:
 - Synonymous parallelism: repeating the same thought in the second line as in the first
 - Antithetical parallelism: repeating the opposite thought in the second line as in the first (we will look at a lot of these in week 4)
2. **Rhyming**. In English poetry, rhyming is done via word sounds. In Hebrew poetry, rhyming is done via word meanings.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS?

The great news is that Solomon tells us.

Proverbs 1:1-7

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction,

To perceive the words of understanding,

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,

Justice, judgment, and equity;

4 To give prudence to the simple,

To the young man knowledge and discretion—

5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning,

And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,

The words of the wise and their riddles.

7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge,

***But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Proverbs 4:5-7

5 Get wisdom! Get understanding!

Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;

Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing;

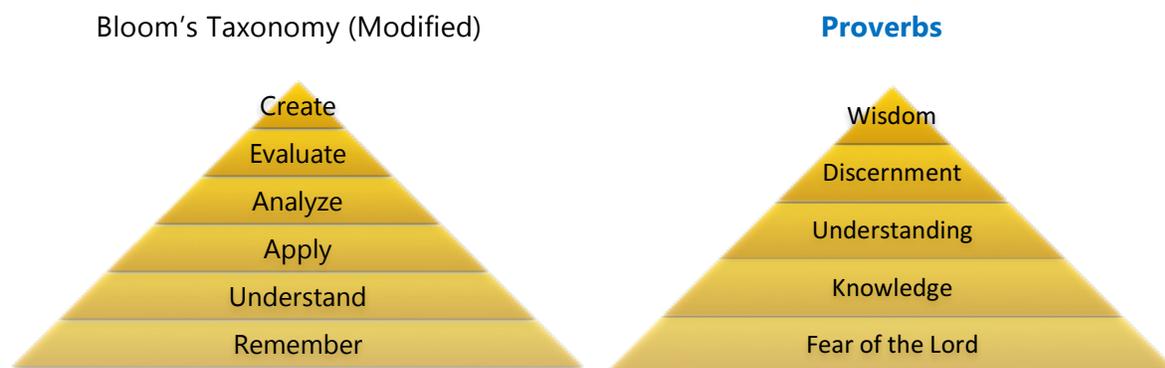
Therefore get wisdom.

And in all your getting, get understanding.

Wisdom is the focus in **Proverbs**. It feels genuine to focus on wisdom in communication as we look at today's verses.

TAXONOMIES

If we were to put together an educational taxonomy (a categorized framework of learning objectives) for **Proverbs**, it would look something like this (compared to Bloom's Taxonomy):



Wisdom is the end goal of **Proverbs**. In life—and derivitively, in communication.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

In today's lesson, we are going to focus on the specific proverbs that speak to actions and filters we should have in place when communicating. Bonhoeffer quote. Church Curmudgeon quote.

FILTERS (BEFORE WE SPEAK)

Proverbs 13:3: He who guards [guards, protects, maintains] **his mouth preserves** [guards, protects, maintains] **his life,**

But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

Proverbs 21:23: Whoever guards [hedges (as with thorns), guards, protects, takes heed, looks, observes, watches] **his mouth and tongue**

Keeps [hedges (as with thorns), guards, protects, takes heed, looks, observes, watches] **his soul from troubles** [tightness—used of a female rival]. [Before we speak we **guard** our mouths. Think of this as Solomon's version of, "Check yourself before you wreck yourself."]

SPEED (HOW FAST WE SPEAK)

Proverbs 15:28: The heart of the righteous studies [murmurs (in pleasure or anger), ponders, imagines, meditates, studies] **how to answer,**

But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil. [At minimum, this puts a speed bump in our communication rate. Let's slow down and think about how to answer. Fast does not always mean good in God's eyes.]

What about when I'm angry?

Proverbs 14:29: He who is slow [long, patient, slow] **to wrath** [nose] **has great understanding,**

But he who is impulsive exalts folly.

This does not come naturally. I had lunch with Ron Hawks last week and he laid a few truths on me. These are **heart habits** we are focusing on. We cannot do this without the Holy Spirit. These are investments in our current and future relationships with God. A year quote. Spurgeon quote.

VOLUME (HOW MUCH WE SPEAK)

Proverbs 15:2: The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly [soundly, successfully, beautifully],

But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Proverbs 17:27: He who has knowledge spares [restrains, spares, preserves, hinders, holds back, reserves, withholds] **his words,**

And a man of understanding is of a calm [valuable, bright, clear, costly, excellent, honorable precious] **spirit.**

Proverbs 20:3: It is honorable for a man to stop [rest, interrupt, cease, sit still] **striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.** [Many times, **less** is better. Jesus is sovereign over speech.]

Proverbs 26:5: Answer a fool according to his folly,

Lest he be wise in his own eyes. [Part of your homework for week four is to think biblically about when this should occur—bring back verses in two weeks]

WHAT DOES 'GOOD' LOOK LIKE?

Proverbs 25:11: A word fitly [revolving wheel—implying the right time—timely] **spoken** [spoken, arranged] **is like apples of gold** [shimmering, golden, gold] **In settings** [carved figures] **of silver** [silver, money].

Proverbs 16:24: Pleasant [agreeable, delightful, suitable, splendid, graceful, beautiful, pleasant] **words are like a honeycomb,** **Sweetness to the soul and health** [curing medicine] **to the bones.**

Wise communication is beautiful, sweet, and/or healing.

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SCHEDULE

Week 3: What tools/resources exist?

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- Proverbial commands to not do something (the negative)

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RESOURCES

The Holy Spirit (ask for help—that's what He does)

One chapter a day in **Proverbs** (few things will help more than a regular dose of Solomon)

Bruce K. Waltke: *The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 1-15; The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 15-31*

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week 3: review | home networks: security and setup | question and answer | memory verses | resources

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WEEK 3 INTRODUCTION (JIM)

Many verses can preface today's topic: **Proverbs 14:16, 23; 16:18; 30-34; 27:12; 29:15; 31:27.**

**Proverbs 24:3-4: 3 Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.**

Dave has tactical/practical/'here's how to do this' tools to help us. Whether single, married, parents (or not), these tools/resources help us protect and build our homes. And they apply to us directly—not just to our children directly. We need this and our marriages need this.

HOME NETWORKS: SECURITY AND SETUP (DAVE)

THEOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY

Technology is **amoral**. It's what you do with it. Example: pickup truck (can be used for good or for evil)

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV): "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive.

Everything on the internet is public and permanent. Also, **Proverbs 4:23**.

Consider this:

- Disengaged students/parents are still disengaged students/parents
- Facebook = bathroom walls
- Pinterest = doodling
- Twitter = gossip
- iTunes = albums, 8 tracks, cassettes, CDs

Technology abuses are not tech issues

- Just blocking a website/app does not address the heart (you can block everything, but kids have more disposable time that you do)
- It does, however, give us an opportunity—an opportunity to invest time in those we love

Technology is an accelerator

- Technology itself is not evil. What you do with it can be.
- Technology, like every other form of communication, reveals a person's heart (this is another great filter: **What does this say about my heart?**)
- Overall, the question is: "How do I keep my child safe?" (Example: putting on your own oxygen mask when a plane depressurizes before you put on the oxygen mask of a child)
- Overall, the question is: "How do I keep myself safe?"

It's a **heart** issue. **Luke 6:45 (NIV): A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.** Also, **Matthew 15:18** and **James 3:11**.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Know what someone is **doing**

WRCB Video: wrcbtv.com/story/31152409/your-kids-will-hate-this-story#.VrUnwWjcREA.mailto

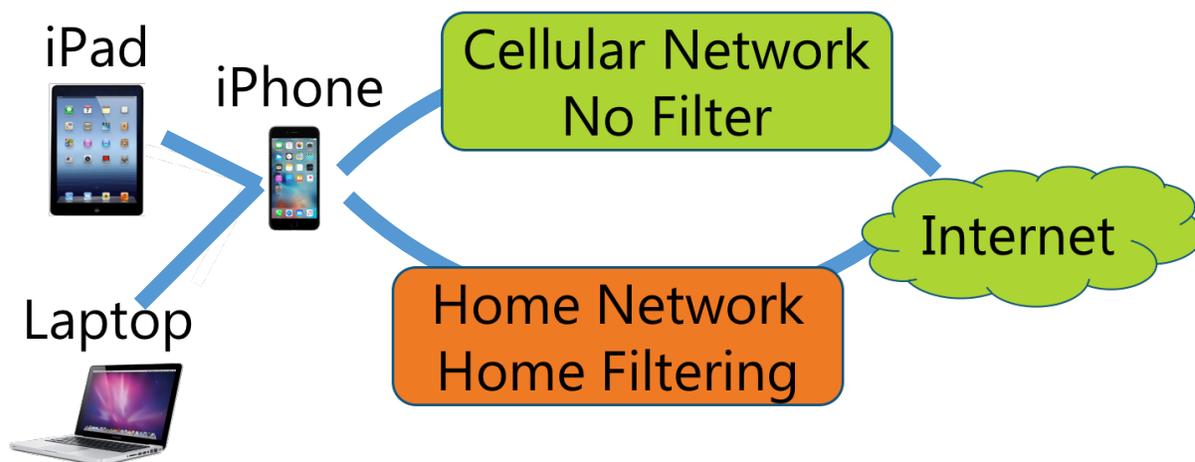
Check their activity regularly

- Know every password. No password, no device.
- Know the apps they are using. Stay up.
- Know how they communicate with their friends. If you do not know how they are communicating, you won't know what to look for.

Ideas

- Spot check: hesitation is a tell
- Parents keep the iTunes/Apple ID password
- Parents have all charging cords
- Be aware of all devices they use (including a neighbor's WiFi, school WiFi, other kids' houses, etc.)

Connectivity



Protect/monitor your **home** (whole-home options)

OpenDNS (tracks and blocks content)

- OpenDNS.com
- DNS routes all internet
- Allows web content filtering and reporting (be prepared to deal with the issues this uncovers)

Certain routers (tracks and blocks content)

- Each manufacturer has different capabilities

- Netgear is popular
- Takes a good bit of configuration
- Always have it locked with WiFi password

Disney Circle: Home Monitoring System (tracks and blocks content and manages volume)

- MeetCircle.com
- Disney Circle is a hardware device for your home that tracks all traffic going through your home internet connection allowing for control, reporting, and web filtering.
- Pros: one-time cost; tracks time online and per app; push notifications; internet pause (including bedtime); tracks all home traffic, great web filtering, reputation, and reporting
- Cons: cost is \$99 (one-time and very reasonable)

Torch (tracks and blocks content and manages volume)

- MyTorch.com
- Torch works similarly to Disney Circle and will be available in the summer of 2016
- Same pros/cons as Disney Circle, except there is no AC speed limit and a cost of \$250

Protect/monitor devices

Monitoring students (there are always new items coming out, but these are established companies in this space)

- Covenant Eyes: covenanteyes.com (allows anything, but reports everything to an accountability partner)
- Net Nanny: netnanny.com
- Qustodio: qustodio.com
- McAfee SafeEyes: internetsafety.com
- Top Ten Reviews: parental-software-review.toptenreviews.com
- Teen Safe: teensafe.com
 - Pros: one place to get a majority of the activity logged by the student
 - Cons: time amount of involved to review what they are doing on their phones, iPads, and computers (this is the case with all tracking); monthly cost; students can still use other devices

What can you do? Act now

- An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure
- Nothing will replace the relationship you have with your own child
- You are a parent, not a friend or buddy—and our focus is on the heart
- Bottom line: all of these tools can help, but none of it works if you don't look at it

MEMORY VERSES: PROVERBS 24:3-4

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SCHEDULE**Week 4: What are we not to do?**

- Proverbial commands to not do something (the negative)

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RESOURCES

Dave Barber

Top Ten Reviews: parental-software-review.toptenreviews.com

My active engagement

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Remember that . . .

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2. Filters. What filters should we be wearing when we communicate? Speed.
3. Wisdom is the focus in **Proverbs**
4. These are heart habits we are focusing on

WHAT ARE WE NOT TO DO?

Part of your homework two weeks ago was to think biblically about when **Proverbs 26:4-5** should occur:

4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,

Lest you also be like [resemble] **him.**

5 Answer a fool according to his folly,

Lest he be wise in his own eyes. [I had intended to talk about this today, but I want to give us another week to look at when to apply these verses. We'll include in our discussion next week these two verses. **Proverbs 9:8; 13:20; 14:7; 18:2; 26:17; 29:9**]

In today's lesson, we will focus on proverbial prohibitions. Stop signs. Ramsey. Parsons. Stop.

1. Proclaim foolishness: **Proverbs 12:23**

A prudent man conceals [conceals, clothes] **knowledge,**

But the heart of fools proclaims [cries out] **foolishness.**

2. Brag about **sin**: **Proverbs 13:16**

Every prudent man acts with knowledge,

But a fool lays open his folly.

3. Believe **everything**: **Proverbs 14:15**. April 1.

The simple believes every word,

But the prudent considers [understands, discerns] **well his steps.** [Assume everything on the internet is false. **Kevin A Thompson: Read Facebook like it's the National Enquirer rather than an encyclopedia.**]

4. Talk without working: **Proverbs 14:23**

In all labor there is profit,

But idle chatter [talking lips] **leads only to poverty.**

5. Sow **strife**: **Proverbs 16:28**. Sowing.

A perverse man sows strife [contests, quarrels, brawls, contentions, discord, strife],

And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

Proverbs 29:22

An angry man stirs up strife,

And a furious man abounds in transgression.

6. Express **everything**: **Proverbs 18:2**. Express yourself
**A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing** [uncovering, expressing, revealing] **his own heart.**
- Proverbs 29:11**
**A fool vents all his feelings,
But a wise *man* holds them back.**
7. Speak **early**: **Proverbs 18:13**
**He who answers a matter before he hears *it*,
It *is* folly** [silly, foolish] **and shame** [disgrace, confusion, dishonor, reproach, shame] **to him.**
8. Befriend the angry: **Proverbs 22:24**
Make no friendship [shepherd] **with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go**
9. Disclose **secrets**: **Proverbs 25:9-10**
9 Debate [grapple, wrangle, debate, contend, plead] **your case with your neighbor,
And do not disclose** [captive, discover, reveal] **the secret to another;
10 Lest he who hears *it* expose your shame,
And your reputation be ruined** [slander not turn around].
10. Meddle: **Proverbs 26:17**. Grab dog by the ears.
**He who passes by *and* meddles in a quarrel not his own
Is like one who takes** [seizes, takes] **a dog by the ears.**
11. Brag about **self**: **Proverbs 27:2**
**Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.**
12. Misdirect: **Proverbs 28:10**
**Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way,
He himself will fall into his own pit;
But the blameless will inherit good.**
13. Be **prideful**: **Proverbs 29:23**
**A man's pride will bring him low,
But the humble in spirit will retain honor.** [A question to ask: **Why am I posting this?**]

MEMORY VERSES: PROVERBS 26:4-5

**4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like him.**

**5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.**

SCHEDULE**Week 5: Where do we go from here?**

- Summary, discussion on observations/learnings, and what is next

RESOURCES

Scripture reading: Read one chapter of **Proverbs** a day

Scripture memorization: Memorize one proverb a week

Scripture application: Wear one proverb a day

SOLOMON ON SOCIAL MEDIA

week 5: review | where do we go from here? | what did we learn? what will we change? | questions to ask before communicating | memory verse | skipped verses | resources

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DISCLAIMERS

I am a work in progress. I do not have it all figured out. I have found some resources that are helping me and I think they can help you too. Peterson quote.

REVIEW

Theology of technology: In order to fulfill **Genesis 1:28** and **Matthew 28:19-20**, we have to use technology. **Tim Challies: God means for us to create new things so we can carry out His will for us. . . . God calls you to use technology for His purposes and His glory. . . .** Wesley quote. **Our sinful, human hearts will want to use good gifts in bad ways.** Challies quote.

The purpose of this series is to provide principles for properly filtering our emotions and actions through the scriptures—specifically as they relate to communication, and more specifically as they relate to social media in fulfilling the tasks God has set before us. But these principles apply to all communication—not just social media.

Remember that . . .

1. Solomon is still speaking to us today.
2. Filters (Ice Cube quote). What filters should we be wearing when we communicate? Speed (picture), volume, good, truth, love (quote)
3. These are heart habits we are focusing on (both what we are commanded to do and what we are commanded not to do)
4. Active engagement is necessary to protect and build up our houses and to fill them with precious and pleasant things.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Part of your homework a few weeks ago was to think biblically about when **Proverbs 26:4-5** should occur (i.e., when should Batman slap Robin?):

**4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like** [resemble] **him.**

**5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.**

These verses might help: **Proverbs 9:8; 13:20; 14:7; 18:2; 26:17; 29:9**

Proverbs 9:8

Do not correct a scoffer [literally: to make mouths at (make faces at); scoffer, derider, mocker, scorner], **lest he hate you;**
Rebuke [same word for correct] **a wise man, and he will love you.** [You will know after it's over. If you are hated, then it was a scoffer. If you are loved, then it was a wise man.]

Proverbs 13:20

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed. [Fools ≠ our constant companions]

Proverbs 14:7

Go [walk away] **from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.** [Leaving is always an option]

Proverbs 18:2

A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing [uncovering, expressing, revealing] **his own heart.** [Is this person looking for understanding or expression?]

Proverbs 26:17

He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes [seizes, takes] **a dog by the ears.** [Don't get in the fight if it's not your fight. Remember, wrestling with a pig results in you getting dirty and the pig enjoying it]

Proverbs 29:9

If a wise man contends [judges, contends, passes judgement on] **with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.** [No-win communication situations exist.]

WHAT DID WE LEARN? WHAT WILL WE CHANGE?

Luther quote by Darren Patrick. Bob Goff quote.

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE COMMUNICATING

One question from each week's lesson:

1. **Is this use of technology (or communication) for His use and for His glory or for mine?**
2. **Am I fulfilling a command where God is telling me to do something?**
3. **Am I being proactive to protect myself and my family?**
4. **Am I fulfilling a command where God is telling me not to do something?**
5. **Why am I engaging?** (hint: if it's not because of numbers 1-4, we should reconsider)

MEMORY VERSE: PROVERBS 13:20

**He who walks with wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.**

SKIPPED VERSES

GENERAL STATEMENTS ON COMMUNICATION

Proverbs 14:16

**A wise *man* fears and departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is self-confident.**

Proverbs 16:2

**All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the spirits.**

Proverbs 17:1

**Better *is* a dry morsel with quietness,
Than a house full of feasting *with* strife.**

Proverbs 18:19

**A brother offended *is* harder to win than a strong city,
And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.**

Proverbs 19:11

**The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger,
And his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.**

Proverbs 23:16

**Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.**

Proverbs 25:25

**As cold water to a weary soul,
So *is* good news from a far country.**

Proverbs 26:20

**Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out;
And where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.**

THINGS TO AVOID IN COMMUNICATION

Proverbs 10:19

**In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.**

Proverbs 11:9

**The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his
neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will
be delivered.**

Proverbs 11:12

**He who is devoid of wisdom despises his
neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his
peace.**

Proverbs 12:18

**There is one who speaks like the piercings
of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise *promotes*
health.**

Proverbs 12:25

**Anxiety in the heart of man causes
depression,
But a good word makes it glad.**

Proverbs 17:14

**The beginning of strife *is like* releasing
water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel
starts.**

Proverbs 17:28

**Even a fool is counted wise when he holds
his peace;
When he shuts his lips, *he is considered*
perceptive.**

Proverbs 23:9

**Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your
words.**

Proverbs 29:20

**Do you see a man hasty in his words?
*There is more hope for a fool than for him.***

RESOURCES

Proverbs (seriously—use the Bible)

Filters (guarding): speed, volume, good, truth, love

Trevin Wax: [One Facebook, Two Worlds, Three Problems](#) (via the gospelcoalition.org)

Tim Challies: [Matthew 18 in a A Shrinking World](#) (via challies.com)

Aram Babasin: [3 Ways Social Media Threaten True Community](#) (via churchtechtoday.com)

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